



# Rule Up For Final Action

Proposed Amendments to

**WAC 230-40-833**

Cashier's bank and minimum bankroll – House-banking.

<b>ITEM 10 (a) on the October 10, 2003, Commission Meeting Agenda.</b>	<b>Statutory Authority 9.46.070</b>
<b>Who proposed the rule change?</b>	
Staff.	
<b>Why is this rule change needed?</b>	
<p>This amendment requires licensees to maintain a minimum bankroll to pay out all advertised prizes and chips that are in play. The licensee would complete a verification worksheet. The worksheet would not be submitted to staff; however, licensees will maintain it on site. Staff will monitor minimum bankroll as part of our compliance program. If the minimum cash requirement is not met, licensees are required to notify staff immediately. If a licensee is not in compliance, one option to get back into compliance would be to close a gaming table. This amendment ensures that there is sufficient cash on hand to pay winnings hands and cash out all chips in play.</p> <p><b><u>Changes made after the August Meeting:</u></b></p> <p><b>Amended #1:</b> Assistant Attorney General Jerry Ackerman reviewed this rule and felt the language in subsection (3) regarding fraud should be removed. There is no criminal definition of fraud in Washington State law. Therefore, subsection (3) does not add anything to this rule. If the language is removed, we can still take administrative action if there is a violation.</p> <p><b><u>Changes made after the September Meeting:</u></b></p> <p>At the September meeting, this rule was scheduled for Final Action. At the meeting, the Commission held this rule over due to some concerns brought forward by the industry regarding the worksheet. Staff have been working with the industry to clarify timelines and language in the worksheet and anticipate presenting a finalized worksheet at the November Commission meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Attached:</u></b></p> <p><b>Draft</b> Minimum Bankroll Analysis Worksheet</p>	
<b>Statements against the proposed rule change.</b>	
None at this time.	
<b>Which licensees will be directly impacted?</b>	
House-banked card room licensees.	
<b>What are the potential impacts to the agency?</b>	
Minimal.	
<b>Staff recommendation.</b>	
Hold over until the November meeting to allow staff time to work with the industry to finalize the analysis worksheet.	
<b>Proposed effective date.</b>	
January 1, 2004.	